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PRICE FIGHT OPENS BEFORE HOUSE BODY



They Shall Not Pass: And they didn't, for hundreds of employees at Western Electric in Kearny, N. J., ignored an injunction against mass picketing and kept the big plant sealed as tight as the proverbial drum.

Bowles to Testify On New Price Plan

With the nation's attention riveted on the price line, hearings on the continuation of OPA get under way today before the House Banking and Currency Committee in Washington.

All indications are that these hearings will not only concern themselves with continuance of price control beyond June 30, the present expiration date, but will also reflect the struggle to prevent the monopolies from pushing up cost of living substantially as a result of the Administration's new wage-price formula.

NATIONWIDE SUPPORT

The hearings will run two to three weeks, according to Committee Chairman Brent Spence (D-Ky), because "people are coming here from all over the country" to testify. Spence said that mail is running 95 percent in favor of OPA extension.

First to testify today will be Chester Bowles, former OPA head who, as Stabilization Director, is charged with the job of administering the new wage-price program. Bowles is expected to discuss in detail the possible effects of that program on the cost of living.

The corporations tried to destroy price control entirely during the steel strike. Blocked in their efforts to smash the unions on the industrial front, they turned the heat on the price program. Though they made substantial gains, the fact that Truman was compelled to appoint Bowles as Stabilization Director and Paul A. Porter, former rent control director, as OPA head is indicative of the fact that they did not entirely succeed in gaining their objective.

FARM BLOC FOR INFLATION

The reactionary Farm Bloc, through its Senate spokesman, John Bankhead of Alabama, has served notice that it has joined the monopoly drive to bring up the cost of living. Bankhead is reported to have demanded that food prices go up on a par with increases in steel prices.

Both the farmers and labor will suffer if price rises are permitted. The answer for both is not increase in food prices but a united fight against further increase in all living costs.

The extent to which this fight can be developed will decide whether or not the monopolies succeed in their efforts to break through the price line.

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Ala. Vet Slain; Shifted Jimcrow Sign

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 17.—An honorably discharged Negro Marine was dead today because he attempted to pull down a Jimcrow sign in a streetcar. Slaying was called "justifiable homicide."

The veteran, Timothy Hood of Bessemer, Ala., was killed Feb. 8

by Brighton Chief of Police G. B. Fant.

Hood had moved the sign separating the Negro from the white section of the streetcar he was riding. The conductor, W. R. Weeks, told him not to do it. Police Chief Fant said he heard

shots outside his home in Brighton near the streetcar line. When he rushed there, he found Motorman Weeks lying on the ground. Fant's implication was that the motorman had been, as one of the papers here puts it, "apparently shot or wounded."

Weeks later admitted that he had fired five shots at the veteran. (Three bullets, one from Fant's gun, were later found in Hood's body.)

Fant heard that Hood was in a nearby house, wounded. The chief went there, arrested the veteran

and placed him in a police car. Fant claimed Hood then reached for a weapon. The police chief fired a single shot into Hood's brain.

Bessemer Coroner J. T. McColum reported "justifiable homicide."

Vets, Labor Melt Congress Chill On Price Ceilings for Homes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (UP).—Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.) said tonight that he will offer an amendment to his housing bill to fix price ceilings on existing homes. There were reports meantime that congressional opposition to such action is melting.

Congressmen have been swamped with letters from veterans and labor organizations demanding such an amendment. One from the American Veterans Committee, said that if Congress fails to take action "it will in effect be providing homes which veterans will be unable to purchase or rent."

Support for price ceilings also came from the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of Labor, the American Federation of World War II and a

number of consumer groups.

Ceilings on all homes—new and old—is one of the planks of Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt's program to build 2,700,000 dwellings in two years. Patman's housing committee recently voted ceilings on new homes, but refused to include old ones. Wyatt said this would cause chaotic conditions.

Patman recently told the House that there are some "mistaken ideas about price ceilings on existing homes." He said there is no intention of appraising homes and listing the price for which they could be sold.

"Anybody could sell his home at any price," he said, "but this price would then become fixed. Nobody but speculators would have any objection."

Communists Showing Gains in Belgian Poll

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17 (UP).—Early returns in Belgium's first parliamentary election since 1939 showed Communists rolling up strong gains, Socialists lesser gains and indicated that the nation's new government would be predominantly leftist.

King Leopold's chance of returning to the Belgian throne appeared dim as the Christian Socialists, the old Catholic Party, which advocated

a country-wide referendum on the question, suffered slight losses.

Middle-of-the-road liberals also suffered in the Brussels area, their prewar strength apparently going to the Communists and the Socialists, the party of Premier Achille Van Acker and United Nations President Paul Henri Spaak.

By 6:30 p.m.—the polls closed at noon—no significant results had been received from the provinces.

Italian Socialist Paper Blasts U. S. Cardinals as Pro-Franco

ROME, Feb. 17 (UP).—America's four Cardinals-designate made last-minute preparations today for tomorrow's secret Consistory when they will be formally elected in an age-old ceremony to the high parliament of the Roman Catholic Church.

The political—as distinguished from ceremonial—character of the consistory was stressed today in an editorial in the Italian Socialist newspaper *Avanti!* which charged that the four American Cardinals-designate were doing their utmost to keep Generalissimo Francisco Franco in power in Spain.

"The arrival of so many prelates in Rome has political aims also,"

Avanti! said. "In this regard we point out to our readers that the United States Cardinals are busy working to save 'in extremis' the weakening reign of General Franco. It is understood that after the Consistory Spellman will go to Madrid for this purpose."

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, who has been widely reported as an eventual candidate for Vatican Secretary of State, said mass at St. Alphonse's Church this morning and then returned to his hotel to work on the ten-minute address to the Pope which he will hand to the Papal messenger tomorrow.

'Common Man' Fascists in Italy Get Cop Guard for Convention

Italy's neo-fascist movement, *L'Uomo Qualunque* (Common Man), began a national convention in Rome yesterday under heavy police protection.

The movement's leader, the former fascist playwright Guglielmo Giannini, ranted against the dangers of "Communist tyranny," as 16,000 followers cheered. Former

fascists and fascist sympathizers have found refuge in this mushrooming movement, which opposes the purge of fascists.

In the Aug. 22 issue of his newspaper *Giannini* had appealed for government by industrial leaders and topfinanciers.

Three parties, including the Monarchists, have joined *L'Uomo Qualunque*, and their leaders were seated on the platform with Giannini, as was the editor of the Liberal Party newspaper. The Liberals constitute the right wing of the six-party coalition government.



Hot Stuff: Our hobby is making puns; Ted Kaufman, of Astoria, L. I., likes to warm up for his job as a trouble-shooter in a radio factory by eating fire, and spewing flames. It's easier with Bubble-Gum, though.

Like a Squirrel In a Cage Fought 4 Years for a Home—Now Can't Get One

By LESTER RODNEY

Did you ever tell anyone that you felt "like a squirrel in a cage?"

That's the way John Jefferson, age 25, feels today. John lives with his wife Mary, 24, in one little furnished room in Harlem. He's just back from four years in the Army, three of them in the Pacific during which time he won two citations and took part in five landings. That's something I can't ask you to imagine unless you've been there.

"Home" was a dream to every man and boy overseas, to varying degrees. To John Jefferson it was a strong and paramount dream. As a child he had lived with relatives and his relatives had been on relief. Then he "found a home" as they say humorously in the Army, with the National Youth Administration—the NYA of New Deal days. Here he learned a few things and got a taste of what a trade might be like. But when he got out he had to take a poor, unskilled job.

Pearl Harbor came and John enlisted in the Navy. How much of it came from his chafing dissatisfaction with his life and how much from his feeling as an American that he wanted to get right into the fight against our enemy would be difficult to determine and not too important. Certainly both were factors.

There is no doubt whatever that he was a good courageous and devoted sailor. That's in his service record and in the ribbons on his sailor suit hanging now in the tiny closet of John and Mary's room.

This is the second of a series of articles on Housing and the Veteran. The Worker yesterday showed from case histories how family life is being ruined and marriages broken up by unnatural overcrowding.

Today's article takes up, one typical case of the veteran forced to start married life in a furnished room. The story was obtained with the cooperation of the Community Service Society, largest non-sectarian family service agency. The name used is not the veteran's actual name.

John married Mary on his last furlough in the States. In the Pacific he dreamed very often of coming home to his own little apartment, of a modest living room, a little bedroom, a table, tablecloth, dishes. In three years in the Pacific a man can do a great quantity of dreaming.

LIFE IN 1-ROOM

John of course was a very disappointed man when he came out of the Navy last December and found himself starting his married life in a small furnished room. Like so many other young wives Mary had taken the room to save money during the war never imagining that it might later be literally and actually impossible to get a little apartment. She hadn't written much about the housing situation, not wanting to worry John overseas and always hoping that they might be able to get something else when he came back.

Well, that's the whole story. There's no dramatic windup and certainly no Hollywood finish. John and Mary are among a good number of young wartime-marriage couples who in a sense never really had been married before, had not gone through the day by day process of living together and knowing each other.

Now they are trying to start that married life in a room not meant for a family, a room with no cooking facilities and little of the privacy a veteran wants very much and all people like. They must go out to restaurants for all their meals. They never get to clear the table and wash dishes together and he never gets to tell her that her cooking is getting real good.

They almost never have friends come over because it is too small and they couldn't serve anything. It is also a much more expensive way to live. After eating supper they don't usually feel like going back to the room. They always feel they must go "out." Of course the very thought of a baby frightens them.

Right now Mary is sick and John, on the way to his same old unsatisfactory prewar job, must go out and eat breakfast and then carry some back from the restaurant to Mary.

John, as you can see by his story and tell if you meet him, is a pretty solid average guy who doesn't tend to get hopelessly whipped by anything, and never may. But he feels like a squirrel in a cage.

Phone Strike Parley Today

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 17 (UP).—Leaders of 49 member unions of the National Federation of telephone Workers begin a series of meetings here tomorrow at which they probably will decide whether to call a nationwide telephone strike to back up demands for higher wages.

The odds apparently tipped slightly in favor of a strike which, if called, would virtually paralyze long distance calls throughout the nation and local calls in at least 43 states.

The NFW executive board today resumed its study of President Truman's recent executive order, permitting some relaxation of price controls to allow limited wage increases, in the hopes that it might provide a solution to company-union differences.

Some 17,000 members of Western Electric Employees Association, an NFW affiliate, have been on strike in 21 plants in New York and New Jersey since Jan. 3. The WEEA has stated that it will ask a nationwide walkout at the meeting here.

Negro Union Leaders Urge Strike Support

More than 40 Negro trade union officials, AFL and CIO, have joined in an appeal through the National Negro Congress to all Negro Americans for full support to the wage and strike struggles of organized labor today.

Turn to page 5 for Vets Voice which appears every Monday and Thursday in the Daily Worker.

THE BY-ELECTION FACTS

The facts about the 19th district by-election:

TIME: Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WHO VOTES: All citizens of the 19th congressional district who registered to vote in 1945 or who registered with the County Election Board up to Feb. 9. That includes all veterans, who sent in soldier ballots in 1945.

WHERE YOU VOTE: In the same polling place in which you registered in 1945.

ALP CLUBS IN THE AREA: 156 Market St., 32 Market St., 158 Rivington St., 93 Avenue B, 82 Second Ave., and 359 Second Ave.



"Listen to the Whistle, the Rumble and the Roar" Eric Carlson, 29, of Brooklyn, a blind lawyer, has wired his miniature railroad for sound. Hooked up to his collection of actual railroad noises, his network makes the listener's feet itch to travel.

Dewey Scuttled State Health Plan

By MAX GORDON

Failure of Gov. Dewey's Health Commission to recommend a state health insurance program last week was foreshadowed by the Governor's own publicly-expressed position on the subject.

The Commission, set up by the Legislature two years ago on Dewey's recommendation, submitted a majority report Friday specifically rejecting the compulsory health insurance plan. Instead, it proposed extension of public health services and state aid for hospital construction, obviously no substitutes for insurance.

Two minority reports were submitted by members of the nineteen-man commission. One would include all children under eight in a compulsory health insurance program. The other, signed by Sen. James A. Corcoran (Kings) and Assemblyman Leonard Farbstein (Manhattan), the two Democrats on the Commission, demanded such a program for everybody.

Corcoran and Farbstein have introduced a bill into the Legislature embodying their position. It is part of the Democratic legislative program. The CIO, AFL, American Labor Party and a large number of professional and civic groups are also demanding a state health insurance program, patterned after the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill in Congress.

The Governor's position has been marked by emphasis on a program that will be "acceptable to the medical profession." In his 1944 legislative message recommending that the Commission be set up, he said:

"New York State's medical program comprises a partnership of government and the medical profession, functioning cooperatively... without endangering medical standards, threatening the professional interest of the practitioner or the financial capacity of our people."

"The program is not a solution for all weaknesses, flaws and defects of public and private medical services. It does have within it the

elements of a pattern of medical care, acceptable to the medical profession and local communities with benefit to the patient, the doctor, the community and the taxpayer. I have spent many hours conferring with leaders in the field of medical care, searching for a solution which will broaden the availability of medicine and hospitals and at the same time will preserve the integrity and the freedom of the medical profession."

The Governor's statement that the present program has within it the elements of a pattern of medical care and requires only broadening out, set the stage for the rejection of medical insurance by his Commission.

The Commission was supposed to report last year. But the Governor asked for an extension, again emphasizing the "preservation of the integrity and the freedom of the medical profession."

Reactionary interests in the medical field, represented by the leaders of the American Medical Association, have been fighting compulsory insurance on the ground it would violate this "integrity and freedom."

At the tail end of last year's session, Republican Assembly Leader Irving M. Ives submitted a health insurance measure generally satisfactory to labor. Ives announced he would hold public hearings on it through the summer.

The introduction of the measure was considered a reflection of a split in GOP ranks between Dewey and Ives. The fact that the hearings never took place, and nothing has been heard about the Ives measure since its introduction, appears to indicate that it is a victim of a Dewey-Ives reconciliation, probably on the basis of a Dewey-Ives State ticket this fall.

Tiger to Use Floaters, J. Steel Warns Aides

By LOUISE MITCHELL

American Labor Party candidate Johannes Steel yesterday warned that Tammany, faced with possible defeat in the 19th, Congressional District by-election, is preparing to use any means "no matter how foul" to win. Reports are flooding Manhattan's lower East Side, where the election takes place tomorrow that Tammany and its candidate, Arthur G. Klein, will attempt to use floaters—persons who will vote in the name of the dead or persons recently moved from the district.

"It is even possible that attempts will be made to tamper with voting machines," Steel said.

ALP election posters telling citizens where to vote are being pulled down by Tammanyites, Al Tanz, campaign manager of the 6th ALP club charged.

"A special situation exists in this assembly district," he stressed. "Houses are being torn down to make way for public projects. Many of the tenants who voted in the last election are eligible to vote now but no longer live there. This offers

Tammany a chance to bring in outsiders to vote."

Tanz said his club is making special efforts to cover every election district with experienced watchers.

COMMUNISTS EXPLAIN

Three Communist Party clubs of the East Side have issued a leaflet supporting Steel. The leaflet states, among its reasons for backing the ALP candidate, that "he is opposed to that last refuge of a political scoundrel—red-baiting."

It points out that the by-election

marks a turning point in America's political life in that "labor and the people have a glorious chance to speak up for themselves through their own candidate."

It is an election in which the people can vote for candidates and issues, not for party emblems and patronage, the leaflet declares.

Making it clear that Steel does not stand for the Communist Party's aim, socialism, it points out that "he will help the people achieve

ALP Sees J. Steel Win by Wide Margin

With the by-election in the 19th congressional district taking place tomorrow, there are the usual predictions by the various parties and candidates.

American Labor Party leaders yesterday said they expected Johannes Steel to get 17,000 votes; the Democratic candidate, Arthur Klein, 12,000; and the GOP nominee, William J. Shea, 6,000.

Klein gave himself 17,000 votes; Shea 8,000 and the ALP 3,000. His own close followers, however, have called these figures ridiculous. They say they expect Klein to win over Steel by about two to one.

Republicans have merely predicted that Shea would top Steel, with Klein winning. There are considerable grounds for believing the GOP is aiding Klein's fight against Steel.

What is the actual situation?

The answer rests with the peculiar nature of a by-election. Because it gets little publicity in the press and because the people in the city as a whole are not talking too much about it, the tendency is for the citizenry in the district not to get too excited.

Ordinarily, no more than 20,000 of the 80,000 registered voters would bother to vote, if that many. But because the ALP has put up a strong campaign, the Democrats, who have a powerful machine, have also been forced to conduct a vigorous drive. As a result, the turn out may hit 35,000.

The Democrats have a basic machine vote upon which they can always count. It is impossible to estimate this vote. They received about 35,000 votes in the district for O'Dwyer last year.

A survey of ALP campaign workers indicates that sentiment in most areas for Steel is overwhelming. But because the campaign has been going less than three weeks, there has not been time to raise the political pitch to the point where these voters are stirred by the necessity to elect him.

Since the polls are open only from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., there is no doubt that many of these Steel sympathizers will not bother to vote un-

less they are reached personally.

Thus, the contest is between the organized Democratic machine vote and the unorganized sentiment for Steel. Steel's sole hope rests with translating that unorganized sentiment into votes by heroic activity on election day.

ALP leaders have, therefore, emphasized that they need a thousand election workers tomorrow to get Steel in. Because of the hours the polls are open, a very large proportion will be needed early in the morning to get the voters before they get to work. If they get these workers, their figures represent a fairly realistic estimate of the results.

One other complicating factor is the unscrupulousness of the Democratic machine. It will try every stunt it has developed through the years to pack the electorate. Much will depend on the ability of the ALP watchers to stop it.

Try American in Russian's Death

VIENNA, Feb. 16 (delayed) (UP).—The court martial trial of an American soldier charged with slaying one Russian officer and wounding another will begin on Monday, it was announced today by U. S. military headquarters.

T/Sgt. Shirley Bell Dixon, of Toledo, O., is accused of shooting the Red Army officers while he was on guard duty aboard a U.S. military passenger train in Austria Jan. 16.

Three Soviet army observers will attend.

Broadway Stars Play For UE in Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Feb. 17.—CIO strikers from General Electric and Westinghouse enjoyed a Broadway show in their own headquarters as part of strike activity. Among stars who entertained here were David Burns of Billion Dollar Baby, Lloyd Gough and Gordon Heath of Deep Are the Roots, Diana Adrian of Are You With It, Robert Penn, formerly of the cast of Oklahoma and Elliott Sullivan of Winged Victory. They put on a show called Union Follies.

Who Can Vote; Don't Forget to Tell Boss

All persons in the 19th Congressional District who voted in the last election are eligible to vote in the special election Tuesday. Workers are entitled to two hours off with pay in order to cast their ballots. They should inform their employers today of their desire to vote Tuesday.

what the majority wants today—jobs, a free trade union movement, a living wage, price control, security, peace, an end to racial discrimination."

MORE THAN 500

Nathan Dambroff, manager of the Steel campaign, reported yesterday that more than 500 canvassers were out working. They came from various parts of the city and were dispatched to the six ALP clubs in the area. Canvassers concentrated on enrolled ALP voters who had not been reached and whose votes for Steel were assured if they got to the polls.

He stressed the need for 1,000 watchers, runners and workers on Tuesday.

"Without a maximum turnout of 1,000 persons," he said, "we will not be able to reach all the voters who have pledged for Steel. Every last one must be reached. Volunteers must come into the area from the entire city."

CARS NEEDED

Persons driving cars were urged to come to 82 Second Ave. at 5 a.m. Tuesday morning to help with campaign work. A motorcade is planned for tonight in a windup rally.

Alex Shaffer, campaign manager of the 4th A. D. South, at 158 Rivington St. reported that Tammany showed signs of fear because of enthusiastic Steel support. It is canvassing every election district in the 4th A. D. South in order to get out the full machine vote.

Shaffer explained that the Democratic district leader is Bert Stand, Tammany stalwart, who will try anything to keep this key district in the Tammany row.

"If this assembly district goes Steel, it will be a terrible blow to Tammany as well as the Democrats nationally," he said. "The people are enthusiastic for Steel and that is what scares Tammany. But we must have hundreds of workers here on Tuesday in order to make sure that every Steel supporter is a voter. This district will turn the tide."

CIO secretary Saul Mills last night called a claim by Klein of support from the CIO Political Action Committee a "contemptible lie having no basis in fact." "Neither the Greater New York Council, nor any of its affiliated unions, nor anybody in authority in these organizations, nor the PAC have endorsed Tammany's candidate," Mills said. "The only candidate receiving endorsement is the ALP's candidate, Johannes Steel."

Protecting the Victory

An Editorial

(Reprinted from yesterday's issue of The Worker)

THE settlement of the United States Steel Corp. strike is a great victory for steel workers and all labor. The 18½ cents an hour raise is the highest ever won by workers in any major field on an industry-wide scope.

But this is only one round in the struggle. Still to be hammered out are victories over General Electric, Westinghouse Electric, International Harvester, the General Motors auto division and possible holdouts in steel. Settlements in these fields may still require a stiff struggle.

The strike is a defeat for big business' union-busting plans. Thanks to CIO initiative and particularly to the force of the powerful United Steelworkers, the offensive of the trusts was not only blocked but labor's counter-offensive even won it some advantages.

The outcome was a great tribute to the solidarity with the strikers that came from millions of people from all walks of life, entire town populations, and foremost from the veterans. The Negro-white unity in the ranks of strikers was unequalled in our long history of struggles.

Remove all, the victory is the result of a concerted effort that brought several powerful CIO unions out together with a total of some 1,750,000 strikers. When such united and solid support was displayed, the trusts knew that picking off unions "one at a time" would not work now as it did after the last war. Moreover, they saw the growing support from AFL

ranks and knew that an attempt to pit one section of labor against another would not work.

To the 750,000 steel workers, undoubtedly, goes the major credit for forcing up the "general pattern" of wage raises, as the President now calls it, to the 15 to 20 percent range. Until the steel strike the best offer was 10 percent. They also gave the answer to the William Greens and John L. Lewises who have been nursing hopes that the CIO would "break its neck" in this wage struggle.

INFLATION MENACE REMAINS

Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that even as the workers return to work, plans are under way to pick their pockets through the medium of price increases. Under capitalism, it is the lot of workers to continually race with prices, the cost of living and taxes. Those who don't organize and struggle, cannot even preserve a living standard, much less raise it.

The Truman administration, apparently, regards this perpetual race with prices and hunger as a cardinal condition for "free enterprise." The steel industry is given a \$5 increase on a ton of steel which, according to the figures of the President's own advisors, is far above the increase in labor cost.

NEW TASKS

The same pattern of passing the cost on to consumers and preserving the wartime scale of profits, is being put through in all industries.

Thus, the strike victories, great as they are, point to new threats and new tasks for labor.

Task 1. The tremendous force and organization that was thrown against the trusts for wage raises, must swing out as a gigantic movement against price increases. The corporations are trying to put the blame for price increases upon unions. At the same time, the National Association of Manufacturers is demanding an end to all price control. The labor movement could defeat this conspiracy by leading a nationwide popular movement against the high cost of living.

Task 2. This is the time to organize the unorganized and do it on all cylinders. Millions of workers either unorganized, or in ineffective "independent" unions, are not getting wage increases, but they will pay higher prices. The advantages of real unionism are more apparent to them now than ever. The CIO and AFL must show them how.

Task 3. The Case bill and other pending legislation are only indications of what big business is preparing. The plan is to pass laws restricting labor for a later showdown with unions, to smash them and reverse the upward trend started by the CIO. Whether reaction succeeds or not will be determined by the political strength, unity and public support that labor can show.

Labor cannot afford to rest upon its laurels. There are more battles to be fought. Only immediate action along the above lines can protect its victories.

Foster Terms Committee Session Finest Party-Building Parley Held

(Reprinted from yesterday's issue of The Worker)

The three-day session of the National Committee of the Communist Party concluded last Friday night was described by William Z. Foster as "the finest Party building meeting" the Party had ever held.

Motions adopted by the committee included:

1. Approval of the political line of reports by William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis and the following sub-reports: Party building by John Williamson, the wage struggles by Jack Stachel, tasks among the Negro people by Henry Winston, and the National Board's recommendation for expulsion of Browder, by Robert Thompson.

2. Plans to launch a national party building drive aimed at recruiting 20,000 new members between March 15 and June 1, with the aim of doubling Party membership by the end of 1946.

3. Endorsement of a national drive to raise \$150,000 for the Party press, to begin May 1 and run to July 4.

Earlier the committee voted unanimously to expel Earl Browder as a deserter from Communism.

The sessions Friday were marked by discussion of the rich possibilities of Party building among trade unionists, Negroes, veterans, and youth.

Max Weiss, chairman of the educational commission, delivered a report on the youth and submitted a memorandum on youth work recently adopted by the National Board. The memorandum, which

was approved by the National Committee stressed that "fulfillment of its responsibilities to the nation and to the youth requires that the Communist Party shall drastically improve its work and organization among the youth."

"It must be established that responsibility for work among the youth and concern with youth problems is the responsibility of the entire Party organization and all of the committees."

A discussion based on that section of the report of Dennis dealing with the 1946 elections, was the high light of the meeting. Speakers stressed the need of strengthening the independent role of labor and its allies to defeat reactionary and

pro-fascist candidates in the primaries and in the general elections, regardless of party labels.

In his closing remarks, Foster summarized discussion and highlighted the tremendous significance of the strike struggles in checking the offensive of big business against the living standards of the people. He re-emphasized the need for mass pressure to curb the imperialist "big stick" foreign policy of the Truman Administration.

Since the influence of Browder was thrown off, it was felt generally great strides have been made in Communist leadership and activity in mass struggles.

Following the spirit of the keynote speech of Foster, speakers stressed the need for combining Party building with an educational campaign on socialism as the only final solution to the problems of the American people.



COAT FOR STRIKER: Muriel Gaines, singer at the Ruban Bleu, gives Mrs. Eleanor Hanbacher, Westinghouse striker from Bloomfield, N. J., a skunk fur coat. The coat was donated to the National Committee to Aid Strikers' Families by a member of the American Labor Party at a luncheon here Friday.



SCOUT Edith Houghton is the first woman to be employed by a major league baseball club. The former WAVE, 33, looks 'em over for the Philadelphia Nationals. She was a member of the New York and Philadelphia girls team that visited Japan before the war.

Old Ogres of NAM Chip In Million To Make Scabs of U.S. Youth

A nationwide campaign to capture the youth of America has been started by leaders of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers. It is raising one million dollars to build a private youth movement, Junior Achievement, and infiltrate it with NAM hatred of unions and democratic principles.

Industry is being bombarded with appeals to join the crusade against a "violent swing towards some form of national socialism." It is asked to donate tax-exempt funds to "achieve this program for the preservation of American business and the system of free enterprise," according to In Fact, weekly newsletter.

JA's fund appeals confess it is "of business, by business, for business" and that it seeks to give teen-agers a "clear picture of our economic structure unobscured by radical or collectivist misrepresentations." Although until January JA refused to have labor represented on its board,

a sudden change has brought out the welcome mat, but CIO leaders have still not been invited to join. In Fact says.

Only labor member to date is AFL Intl. Rep. Robert J. Watt, who admitted he had never attended a JA meeting and did not know what the organization was doing.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Biding their time during the war, the NAM leaders who now hold all top positions in JA have launched a 5-year expansion program which aims at three million members by 1950. Present membership is 9,000 boys and girls from 14 to 21 in 12 states.

Ostensibly JA's only purpose is to train young people to run their own business under the supervision of men selected by JA.

But actually JA members are expected to act as strikebreakers and NAM spokesmen, according to a JA memo to business leaders which says: "What happens when misun-

derstandings with labor arise if you have such entrepreneurs (JA members) among your employees? They act as a leaven among those employees who have never had to meet a payroll."

ROGUE'S GALLERY

Among the JA officers and directors who plan to mold American youth in their image are these NAM leaders, all notorious union-haters: President of JA is Robert Lund, NAM brain trust and head of the Listerine Co.; Board Chairman is Charles R. Hook, past NAM president of the American Rolling Mills Co., which has a long record with NLRB of anti-union terrorism.

Other JA sponsors include Pres. James H. Rand Jr. of Remington-Rand; Tom Girdler and Ernest T. Weil, barons of Little Steel; Gen. Robert E. Wood, former America First chairman; Pres. Frederick C. Crawford of Thompson Products and Joseph Pew of Sun Oil Co.

RCA Technicians Win 21-Cents Increase

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 17.—More than 500 technicians employed by the Radio Corp. of America today celebrated a 21 cents hourly increase won by the CIO Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians. The increase, one of the highest awarded by a major corporation recently, averted a strike at the last moment.

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Wage Strikes Won; Labor Must Buck Inflation or Lose Gains



WASON

By GEORGE MORRIS

Forced to grant 18½ cents hour raises to steel and other workers, big business promptly launched a drive to make the workers foot the bill through price increases. Sounding the signal for this drive, President Robert R. Wason of the National Association of Manufacturers called for abolition of all price control.

Wason takes advantage of the Truman administration's weak-kneed policy on price control to condemn the very idea of price control as a "failure." He further threatens, in behalf of business, that unless price control is scrapped, the sitdown on production will continue.

"American industry agrees wholeheartedly with President Truman's statement that 'production is our salvation,' declared Wason, 'but unfortunately, under this new formula it will still not be possible to get the production that is necessary for the country's salvation.'"

The NAM's statement also declares that if employers do not have the freedom to charge any prices they can there is no "free collective bargaining."

LABOR'S CHOICE

The NAM's program puts the issue squarely to labor—to meekly submit to having its pay raise taken away at the consumer end, or to strike against the high cost of living.

The well-managed publicity campaign by the corporations has deafened the public with cries that the \$5 a ton raise in steel presages an inevitable rise in the cost of living on all consumer items.

If labor submits to that viewpoint, not only will the wage raise melt away, but the widespread public support unions enjoyed will be lost and all price control will soon be scrapped.

There is nothing in any union contract that commits them to support price raises. A union worthy of the name will now throw its strength against any increase in consumer prices so as to protect the raises that were won.

The CIO and AFL led a struggle for maintenance of price ceilings during war days. Why not now? This is the only possible answer to the NAM and to those who hope for a breakdown in price ceilings.

The employers have received

much encouragement in the President's wage-price order. They view it as the beginning of the end of price control because it will make a mockery of the whole idea. The order restricts labor's possible general wage raises to 33 percent above the scales of January, 1941.

But price raises for employers are allowed on a far more flexible basis—the employer's estimate of what he thinks will yield him at least the pre-war rate of profit.

STILL NOT SATISFIED

How this works is indicated in the optimistic statement of Benjamin F. Fairless of U. S. Steel, who pleads that the \$5 a ton raise on steel allowed his company will not cover

the increased cost of production. He reveals a stipulation in the price agreement for a review of prices by the government within three months, to determine if the company is not to get further price "relief." This was arranged despite the evidence from the office of former price administrator Chester Bowles that \$2.50 on a ton would have more than covered the price increase.

Fairless will get his extra "relief." The meat, electrical, farm machinery, auto and other trusts will get their handsome "relief," and the workers will pay it all over the counter, unless Washington feels the pressure of a nation-wide movement.

The strikes for wage increases must be followed with struggles against the high cost of living—or wage raises won't mean much.

Fight on Race Bias

Veterans of World War I are joining those of the Second World War to "bring the question of race-hatred to the attention of the people of the Bronx." These sentiments were expressed by Roderich L. Stephens, president of the Bronx Council for Social Welfare, inviting representation to form a Bronx Council Against Discrimination.

Mr. Stephens will chair the conference which has been called by the Veterans Against Discrimination and the Bronx Provisional Council Against Discrimination. It will convene at the Bronx Winter Garden at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 19.

VETS' VOICE



Occupation Troops at Last Are Given Orientation—In Nazi Assaults on Jews

By JOSEPH CLARK

One incident tells the reason for the infiltration of Nazi propaganda among GI occupation forces in Germany. In the town of Lampertheim, a U.S. officer led his troops in an assault against Jews who survived Hitler's extermination policy.

This ugly story appeared in a cabled dispatch by Homer Bigart, in the N. Y. Herald Tribune on Feb. 16. The most shocking thing about the entire incident is that the Army authorities involved, were exonerated for continuing Hitler's campaign against the Jews.

"U. S. Troops Get Orientation on D. P. Problems" was the innocent sounding headline in the Tribune. Orientation in Hitlerism, would be more exact.

Five hundred Polish-Jewish refugees were quartered in Lampertheim in homes formerly occupied by Germans. The article quotes Mrs. Mathilde Ostedal, director of the D. P. Camp:

"On one occasion, some Americans with German girls broke

into a mess hall and smashed lamps and furniture."

On another occasion, a German came to one of the homes where a Jewish DP was living and demanded the right to go into the cellar. The occupant informed the German that he would have to get permission from an UNRRA representative. At which point the German sneered:

"I can't understand how so many Jews survived all those gasings and cremations we've heard about."

The German then departed and returned with an entire mob. German police were summoned who beat the JEWS with rifle butts.

"In the ensuing melee, D.P. Police chief Moses Greenberg, a former Polish Army officer, saw his pregnant wife jostled by the Ger-

Brass Says It's Awful Bad

FRANKFURT, Feb. 17 (UP).—Recent incidents involving American troops and Jewish displaced persons in German towns are viewed "awfully, awfully seriously" by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of U.S. Army Forces in Europe, his staff chief Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull said today.

At the same time Lieutenant Robert A. Witt and 10 American soldiers arrived on the scene in a half-track. Greenberg rushed up to Witt, shouting volubly and waving his arms, and was greeted according to all accounts, with a resounding slap in the face.

"American troops then cleared all Jews from the streets on orders from Lieutenant William Wembacher, duty officer at the time. . . ."

Orientation indeed! That's the orientation Hitler gave the world for 12 bloody years!

What was the result of the incident? A whitewash for the Army officers. And the unit is going to give the GIs lectures because "some anti-Semitism was found" among the new replacements!

It is no secret that anti-Semitism was and is widespread among U. S. Army officers. Jim Crowism and Negro baiting are an open scandal in the Army.

The poll that was taken some months back among occupation troops revealed a bitter truth. Of course, most GIs had not been snowed under by the Nazis. But given the kind of orientation indicated in the above story what can we expect in the future?

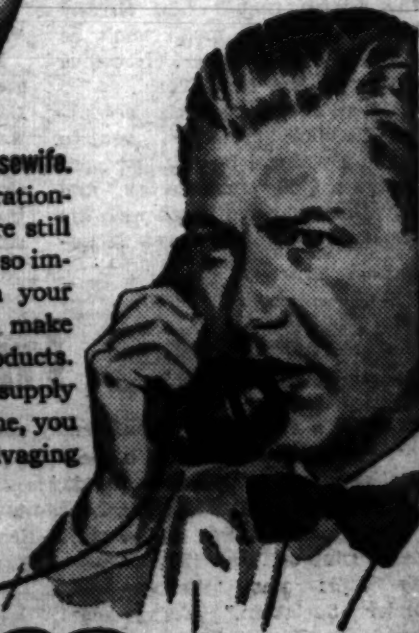
The very brass responsible for this disgraceful situation are plumping for a tremendous Army. They are lobbying for universal military training. They are the ones who would rob us of the victory we won over Hitler.



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By PETER STONE

The plague occurs in two forms, bubonic and pneumonic. In the former there is great swelling of the lymph glands, particularly in

RODENTS comprise more than one-third of all living species of mammals, and exceed by far any other mammalian order in the number of individuals. They reproduce three-five times per year, with an average litter of eight, often running as high as twenty offspring. They are classified as keen, cautious animals that learn how to adapt themselves quickly to any type of environment and food.

These rat groups are responsible for more than 10 small epidemics in this country with a toll of about 1,000 lives. They destroy an estimated \$200,000,000 yearly in goods. In 1908, a multitude of migrating rats spread over several counties of Illinois and

Recently chemists announced two new weapons. ANTU, derived from the first letters of the chemical alpha-naphthyl thiourea, is a poison so powerful that one pound could kill 300,000 rats. It is not dangerous to human beings and has been used successfully

It is obvious, however, that more than a chemical specific is needed to wipe out both four-legged and two-legged rats, and cleanse society of all its vermin.

GOTTFRIED,

One striker made a revealing remark that is equally true of all strikers—and Communists particularly should be alert to the need of food for the mind as well as the body. She said, "We've reached the nousey stage. We want to know all about everything! At first it was just our jobs and our homes we were interested in. Then it was our own union. Now guys come from auto, steel, electric unions to help us picket. Communists come with coffee and papers. We begin to feel we belong to something big. We're not alone. Then you tell us about women—like us—all over the world—fighting for the same things. It's wonderful. Their horizon will not narrow again if this sense of belonging is kept alive. That's our job."



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New York's Opportunity

TOMORROW the citizens of New York's lower east side go to the polls to elect a Congressman.

The voting is confined to a single congressional district but the result will be no local matter. It has a two-way significance for the whole country.

First, labor is running an independent candidate against the nominees of the two major political parties. A victory for labor's nominee, Johannes Steel, will increase its influence upon government bodies and will strengthen the fall elections for Congress and state office.

It will also register dissatisfaction with the Big Money course steered by the Truman Administration and will thus help change its direction to conform more to the popular will.

Second, Congress is dominated by a coalition of reactionary elements bent upon taking the country down the path of war, fascism and hunger. Members of that coalition have openly insisted upon a policy of hostility toward the Soviet Union and have demanded American intervention against the democratic governments and movements in Europe and in the colonial countries.

They have declared war on the labor movement by passage of the union-busting Case bill and they have blocked FEPC. They are now gunning for price control and threaten the country with inflation.

There are all-too-few aggressive, capable, devoted progressives in Congress with the guts and know-how to stand up against this reactionary coalition. Johannes Steel's record indicates that if he is elected, his voice will be a welcome addition to this small band of fighting progressives.

New York's enlightened citizenry can't afford to muffle the chance to send such a man to Congress. It is not, therefore, simply a problem for those who live in the district. It concerns intimately every one of us. That's why the ALP appeal to every progressive New Yorker to help it get out the vote tomorrow is timely.

Because it is a special election, the regular political machines have a big advantage. It can be overcome only if those who want Steel in Congress help the ALP get a big turn-out at the polls.

Marxism and Culture

WE THINK our readers will agree that Samuel Sillen's series "Which Way Left-Wing Literature?" (concluded in Saturday's paper) opened up a real battle for Marxism in the cultural and literary field.

The discussion on the literary field reflects the sharpening class struggle of the times.

It is only proper for a workers' paper to deal with such issues for the cause of art and culture is close to the heart of the advanced working class, just as professional and literary people can realize their talents best within the working class movement.

The battle for Marxism is not restricted to the economic or political problems of American working people; capitalist bombardments us hourly with its ideas on every front; American capitalism in particular has made mighty institutions of the press, the radio, the entertainment industry, the movies, the publication of books. And through these institutions it attempts to maintain its hold on the minds of the people.

Communists have a continuing obligation to meet the ideas of the capitalist class and defeat them. And in this battle we consider our literary editor's contribution especially important. Undoubtedly, there will be further discussion of these problems everywhere among workers and artists.

Not only is art a weapon, but the weapons of criticism in the fields of the arts need continual sharpening. The great battles of the American people for their living standards, for democracy, for peace and for freedom from capitalist exploitation are bound to bring forth new books, new plays, new reflections of American life. From the ranks of returning veterans new portraits of American imperialism in decay are bound to develop.

For the established writers and the new writers, the time we live in is a challenge: Marxism offers not only an analysis and answer but a mighty and noble stimulus to creative endeavor in every field.

We think that a more thorough study of Marxism and a more painstaking application of it will help to overcome the admitted shortcomings of the "Literary Left." Such a study will improve the work of every progressive writer, release every honest talent and speed a new flowering of democratic culture.



NEWS ITEM: GM's Wilson admits Waldorf meetings: Says 'We should run country.'

GIs Saw 'Brass' Aid Nazi Trusters

By JOSEPH CLARK

AMERICAN officials are backing Nazi businessmen who led Germany to war. Almost any doughboy who slogged to the Rhine and deep into Germany can tell a story of support to the very men most responsible for German aggression.

Almost any pilot can tell a story of strict orders against bombing German war plants which were owned by American business interests.

Before we go any further, let's answer the question whether Hitler abolished or limited capitalism in Germany. Those who think and write for American corporations want us to accept Hitler's claims that he was a "socialist."

You couldn't very well have told Sherman's Army marching through Georgia that there was no chattel slavery in the South. By the same token you can't tell GIs who marched through Germany that capitalism doesn't exist there. GIs saw that the Nazi state was based on German capital. What's more, they saw that a big hunk of Germany was built, owned and profited from by Standard Oil, Royal Dutch Shell and other American and British trusts.

I don't intend here to go into the cartel agreements between I. G. Farbenindustrie and Standard Oil. Nor will I go into the details of how American business helped arm the Hitler state. I refer the reader to the Newsletter, Germany Today.

WHAT THE GI SAW

Most of the time we fought in or near small towns. We learned that almost every town in Germany had at least one big factory, usually right by the railroad. We found that these factories were owned, in most cases, by old-time German capitalists. These factory owners were very rich. They were the Nazi bigwigs in town. They lived in the best villas. They dominated the entire community.

Shortly after V-J Day our company returned to a small town we had taken in combat. Unterbach had only 1,500 population. The town boasted many manure piles and "honey carts." But there was a textile factory in

town. During the war it employed 800 workers. Before the war it got its raw cotton from the United States, and the plant managers tried to win the good will of the GIs by extolling their pure Texas, Georgia and Carolina cotton.

The first men who reached the town got a great kick out of throwing Herr Dimler out of his villa, "Zehn minuten" and the owner of the textile mill had to clear out. Our troops were quartered in the villa. It didn't take us long to discover that Dimler and his family had been connected with the plant for generations. He was worth over 2,500,000 marks. We also found he dominated the local Nazi organization. His daughter was a Nazi youth leader.

GIs hated Dimler and his kind. They knew Dimler was an "educated" man. He wasn't a Nazi because of compulsion. He was among those who financed Hitler's movement and helped bring him to power. If it were up to the doughboys a firing squad would have provided a good end for Herr Dimler.

Instead he was allowed to reopen his factory. Not that it wasn't necessary to start textile production in Germany. But the ownership and control of the factory was just what it had been before American troops marched into Unterbach.

It was the same throughout the many towns where we were quartered. In the American zone, economic power is being returned to

the same people who formed the economic basis of the Nazi system.

Air Corps men tell an equally raw story how they were briefed NOT to bomb German factories owned by American financiers. This, even where the factories produced munitions used to kill American soldiers.

Troops stationed in Heidenheim know about the immense Voith plant. It produced turrets for the Tiger tanks. But it wasn't touched by bombs. Local residents told us they didn't even bother going to air raid shelters when planes were overhead because bombs never fell near the Voith plant. It was American-owned.

It's often hard to convince a GI that another war can be prevented. Seeing how Nazi businessmen were regaining their former positions in industry strengthens them in this belief.

The American people, including GIs, agree on the need for occupying Germany. But what is the purpose of the occupation? Our policy should further the anti-fascist goals for which we fought.

If German workers, trade unions and anti-fascist forces were encouraged to secure greater positions of control in industry, and if we waged a real struggle to destroy the economic roots of fascism, there would be greater hope for democracy and peace. To win this we have to fight the economic blood brothers of German big business—American trusts and monopoly.

Worth Repeating

A Republican newspaper writing on life in the province of Yen-an says: "American correspondents in Yen-an, where the Chinese Communist Party has its headquarters, find it interesting for things other than the system of agrarian reforms. There is, for example, a legal system under which a population of a million people gets along without a single lawyer and justice is said to be almost democratized. A person convicted of murder gets a sentence of death or ten years, imprisonment for any longer time having been abolished some years ago on the theory that if the criminal hadn't been reformed by then he was hopeless. Motives weigh heavily in criminal hearings—a man who steals workers' tools is a greater criminal than one who steals luxury items." — The Buffalo Evening News.

Egypt, Middle-East Storm Center

By MICHAEL KATANKA

LONDON (By Airmail).—Egypt, chief Arab land, threatens to become the storm center of the struggle for crisis over Palestine, Persia and the struggle for oil. The spread of democratic ideas through the peoples' victories in Europe and the demand for higher standards through the contact of the masses with temporary "prosperity" during the war, are both causing grave fears on the part of the landowners and factory owners of post-war Egypt.

Everywhere, there is grave industrial unrest and extreme political strife. Political assassinations like that of the Wafdist leader Osman Pasha vie with great strikes in occupying the public attention. At the present time, in Cairo alone, thirty textile factories are now idle through strikes and lockouts. They involve almost 30,000 workers.

This is an enormous number in a predominantly agricultural country—and is especially grave because textiles are a first necessity for the Egyptians, who are about the worst clad people in the world. The textile situation is even further aggravated by the Arab League's self-imposed boycott on all goods coming out of Palestine.

Throughout the war, Egypt's economy prospered through the millions of pounds sterling which were spent there by Allied troops. Now, with their steady withdrawal from that country, thousands of Egyptians face unemployment, and many industries and enterprises which existed solely for the troops are being forced to close down.

DRAWN BY WAR BOOM

Many Egyptian workers, now in the big towns were attracted there by war-time jobs and wages. Previously, they were agricultural laborers, living on a pittance averaging an unbelievable 50 dollars a year. Although now out of work, they will not return to the squalor of the villages and the back-break-

ing labour for semi-feudal landlords. They prefer to remain in the towns, living from hand to mouth, eking out a bare existence on what they can bag, steal or more rarely earn. Even in normal times, thousands of Egypt's town-dwellers sleep in the streets, because they have neither houses nor money. Now, hundreds more are added to the throng each day.

I shall never forget the first time I passed the square facing Cairo Main station at night, and saw hundreds of bodies huddled together on the paving stones. After three years in Egypt, such sights and worse are commonplace. Every U. S. soldier, returning via Camp Russell B. Huckster, just outside Cairo, will have stories to tell, and they can hardly be exaggerated.

Such a situation, ideal for the growth of fascist organizations has bred many in Egypt. Some are small and unimportant others are large, influential and with thousands of members. Among these is the Moslem Brotherhood, which boasts half a million members, but actually has many less. They were the instigators of the pogroms in Cairo on November 2nd and 3rd. On those days, synagogues were burned, private houses and shops were sacked and looted, and Jewish aged and children were killed.

Cairo's ghetto quarter defended itself valiantly against these mob attacks, and all eye witnesses know that precious little was done by the police, either to prevent the outrages, or to stop them when they had started.

RULERS LIKE DIVERSION

There can be little doubt that many of Egypt's rulers are deeply appreciative of such methods of

Egypt Cold to New Gov't; Want British Out

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (UP).—The cabinet of New Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha was sworn into office today amid new anti-British demonstrations by students.

Sidky, who has a reputation of being a "strong man" in Egyptian government, conferred with public security officials. Administrative quarters asserted that he gave them instructions on how to handle demonstrations which the students re-

portedly are planning when Cairo University reopens today.

The Saadist party met this morning and reportedly decided to oppose the new coalition cabinet in Parliament. The Wafdist party, also expressed its opposition to the new Sidky government.

Students greeted the government with formal declarations that they wanted fulfillment of national de-

mands, not merely a new change of the government.

"The students' demand still stands," said the executive committee of the Cairo students' organization in a statement, "That the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations should be based on an immediate British declaration acknowledging Egypt's rights, the evacuation of British troops, and the unity of the Nile Valley."

diverting the people's anger from their living conditions and real grievances. Egypt is very good at making circuses.

In a land of extreme poverty, over \$150,000 (\$800,000) were spent during a week in January in giving a royal welcome to visiting King Ibn Saud. American correspondents were among those who feasted at the Royal banquets and a good time was had by all.

Accompanying the growth of fascist organization, there is the effective suppression of real democracy and militant trade unionism. Egypt has no socialist party and the Communist Party is illegal, since a week before Christmas, the Egyptian police have begun a campaign of arrests and terrorization against the hidden progressive and socialist movement.

By Dec. 28, about 60 Egyptians—lawyers, teachers, army officers and workers, had been arrested. Rushdy Saleh, editor of a legal Arabic paper "Al Fagr Gedid" was arrested without any charge being brought against him. Egyptian police have been seen keeping poorer-class Egyptians away from a Soviet agricultural exhibition currently being held at Gezira Island, near Cairo. At the exhibition, there were attempts to remove the Visitors Book

in order to read comments and signatures. A group of youths attempted to tear down photographs.

Even progressive literature is now being forbidden. Mme. Elfatoun, returning to Cairo from the International Women's Conference in Paris had Communist books taken away from her, with the remark "They will not be legal for very long."

The British Embassy in Cairo, which because of the enormous British interests in Egypt, has a dominant say in all that goes on in that country. It is reported as being behind the latest man-hunt for progressives.

A committee, ostensibly for public security and against subversive activity has been set up, heavily financed by the Embassy and including British intelligence officers. Heading the police the police is British Russell Pasha, who has recently toured Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan in order to co-ordinate police activity against "Communists".

ANTICIPATED ANTI-SOVIETISM

The campaign of repression was launched before the Moscow Conference and was doubtless planned in anticipation of the Conference having a very different outcome. It is now the duty of progressives

everywhere, but particularly in Great Britain to see that present fascist trends in the Middle East are reversed.

In the Middle East one of the most decisive post-war battles is now being fought. The old Tory policy of supporting the corrupt and oppressive regimes and their necessary accompaniment of a Middle East "cordon sanitaire" against the Soviet Union must be thrown overboard. The weight of Labour must be thrown behind a policy of democratization, education, reconstruction and social and agrarian reform.

The issue will have to be squarely faced. The vital issue in these countries of bottomless misery, disease and impoverishment is not one of power political rivalry, though both Tory and landed Pasha always struggle to present the issue in that light. It is a straight question: Do the powers, and predominantly Great Britain, stand in these parts of the world for the maintenance of the existing hideous exploitation and tyranny, or will they, in partnership with the Soviet Union, give the Middle East countries the political and economic means to create for themselves tolerable living conditions and independent national existence?

Report Spanish Guerillas Fuse Into One Group

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17 (UP).—The Spanish Communist Party delegation in Mexico said today it had received information from the Spanish underground that the Communist in Spain had fused with an underground group known as the Democratic Alliance.

The Communists said they had dissolved the Supreme Junta for Liberation and both groups were now working in a general campaign against Franco.

EAM Asks Fair Greek Election

The EAM in Greece, has announced that it will not participate in the elections, now scheduled for March 31, unless conditions for honest elections, are met.

- These are:
- 1—Formation of a representative government with the participation of the resistance movement.
 - 2—An end to the terror, disarming of the terrorist organizations and the establishment of order.
 - 3—A general amnesty for resistance fighters now in prison.
 - 4—A thorough purge of the fake election lists.
 - 5—Removal from the army, police, and gendarmerie of all quiding members of the Security Battalions and collaborators of the axis.

If the American observers do not expose the preparations for a fake election in Greece, and bring about a postponement until present conditions are changed, the Council declared, the "United States will be responsible for deepening the crisis in Greece and betraying their gallant ally."



Atombombs Ain't Enough: Seeking a Navy of 500,000 men and 50,000 goldbraids, Navy Secretary James Forrestal (left) and Adm. Chester Nimitz appear before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, headed by sympathetic Sen. David Walsh (right).

Chicago Vets Form Firm In Fight on Cab Trust

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (UP).—A GI battle to break a "taxicab monopoly" here was underway last night as 34 discharged veterans formed the veterans cab company.

Charging that no new cab permits have been issued in Chicago since 1932, the veterans filed applications with the city police commission and called for support from veterans organizations.

The group was headed by James P. Byrne, state labor director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who said the GI hack-drivers are "determined to end this un-American situation."

The veterans charged the Yellow Cab Co. holds 503 of the city's 633 taxicab permits, although the company is operating a maximum of 491 cabs. Existing permits may be sold by one individual to another,

It was pointed out, but a recent permit reportedly sold for \$10,000—far beyond the reach of the veterans.

Hearing on the ex-GIs' application will be March 4.

Meanwhile six hundred war veterans will leave Chicago Monday to go to Washington and ask presidential intervention.

Longer Trains

The average freight train has 53 cars in 1944, only 39 in 1934.

War Dept. Probes Charge Of Discrimination Against Nisei

HONOLULU, Feb. 17 (UP).—Mid-Pacific Army Headquarters announced today that the War Department is conducting an "appropriate investigation" into charges published in the Honolulu Star Bulletin that an Army volunteer of Japanese ancestry had been discriminated against in assignment of duties.

The announcement was the outgrowth of a letter by eight Hawaiian GIs from Camp Beale, Calif., and published in the Star Bulletin. The soldiers complained the Army had changed the assignment of an unnamed Nisei private who had enlisted with the condition he be assigned to the Air Force.

The Star Bulletin editorially commented that "if those terms are

being changed for some volunteers against their will the practice should be stopped and the violators disciplined."

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 50¢ per line (16 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

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Wallace to Address UOPWA Convention

Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace will address the sixth constitutional convention of the CIO United Office & Professional Workers at the Hotel Hollenden in Cleveland next Tuesday.

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Special to the Daily Worker

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—This city is still agog today over the Lincoln's Birthday rally when over 4,500 persons packed Municipal Auditorium and cheered New York City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis when he denounced the politicians of both major parties who protect Jimcrow.

Over one thousand were turned away from the meeting, unprecedented in size and enthusiasm for such a cause in this city. It was sponsored by the St. Louis committee for a fair employment ordinance and the abolition of the polltax. Many white trade unionists attended.

Davis blamed party leaders, pledged to support FEPC, for the measure's defeat in the Senate. He called on the people of St. Louis to march on City Hall for the fair employment ordinance just as was done by New Yorkers at Albany.

The meeting unanimously voted continuation of the fight for FEPC and against the polltax, and for the defeat of legislators failing to support these aims.

White Collar People Warned on Inflation

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17.—Raises now being won by production workers won't automatically be shared by salaried employees, an officers' report warned the sixth convention of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers, opening here today.

White collar people can protect their standards against spiraling prices only by organizing and promoting their own bargaining demands, says the report, made public today by Lewis Merrill, union president.

Four hundred delegates are here representing 85,000 employees.

Increases in living costs more than wiped out wartime salary raises amounting to some 16 percent, the report says. It urges:

1. That President Truman establish a Salaried Employees Bureau as part of the Department to prepare statistics and act as a consultative service to labor and management on application of existing federal legislation to white collar employees.

2. Expansion of Executive Order of the powers of the Wage Hour Administration to authorize industry committees to establish higher minimum rates for key occupations and to bring about classification systems in the chaotic white collar structure.

Officers said that average annual earnings in finance jobs totaled \$2,085 and in printing and publishing of \$2,162. These include executive salaries, it was said, and indicate the low level of pay.

The union has over 400 contracts covering more than 75,000 employees. In the past year, 35 elections, involving 14,000 workers, were won. Raises totalling \$9,000,000 were also won. More than \$1,250,000 was collected in back pay awards.

Lincoln Vets Oust Schwartzman And Keith for Disruption

Expulsion of Alex Schwartzman and Charles Keith from the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was announced yesterday following last week's Eastern Seaboard Conference of the organization.

Both these men, the expulsion statement charged, attacked the anti-fascist VALB as being pro-Franco and called for its liquidation at a time when its anti-Franco activities are at a height. Their proposals, the statement continued, are reminiscent of the Trotskyite POUM organization in Spain which advanced the slogan "Down With the Republic" when the republic was fighting for its life.

Schwartzman called for replacement of VALB by a veterans' organization which would take over the national administration, an idea projected by David Dubinsky in an effort to destroy the Brigade. "Thus," the statement said, "under ultra-revolutionary slogans, Schwartzman has aligned himself with those who in the pay of the reactionaries seek to sabotage and destroy the anti-fascist organizations in America."

The statement also charged him with slandering the memory of American boys who died in Spain by calling them fifth columnists.

Keith was expelled for supporting Schwartzman. Earlier he had been suspended from the VALB's national resident board while under

investigation on charges stemming from his activities in Spain. On Jan. 23, 1946 he admitted he had created and maintaining factionalism among International Brigade prisoners of war in Franco Spain.

He also admitted that he lied and used unprincipled methods to further his own aims and strengthen his factional fight against the anti-fascist prisoners of war. Thus endangering their lives.

Bowles Backs 'Luckies' Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Before Chester Bowles left his post as OPA administrator to become stabilization director, he sent word to Lucky Strike strikers of support through an OPA liaison officer.

Samuel Jacobs, Bowles' aide in OPA, wrote Reuel Stanfield, president of a striking local of American Tobacco Co. workers:

"We are in sympathy with your strike against this company and we sincerely hope that your sacrifice will not be in vain."

Bowles had testified before a Senate committee last November that only nine percent of the \$154,000,000 profit made by the company in 1944 would be needed to bring the minimum wage to 65 cents an hour, one of the strikers' demands.

Two thousand five hundred American Tobacco workers are in the fourth month of a strike here, in Trenton, N. J., and in Charleston, S. C.

Warn of Strike On 5th Ave. Bus.

Fifth Avenue busmen yesterday warned that they might have to strike in September if the current arbitration proceeding do not yield a decent pension plan.

The Transport Workers Union, CIO, through its attorney, Harry Sacher, warned the arbitrator, Adrian P. Burke, that expiration of the contract in September might

bring on a walkout if a pension program offering real protection to the men is not forthcoming.

Sacher also sharply opposed a company proposal to cut out second conductors on the double-decker buses, a plan which would result in the dismissal of 278 men.

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1,000 CIO Ohio Vets Demand Governor Act on Problems

By RUSS RICHESON

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Convoys bearing 1,000 striking CIO vets from all sectors of Ohio converged on Columbus on Lincoln's birthday to place their demands before Gov. Frank J. Lausche.

Initiated by the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers-CIO the labor vets convened in the Virginia Hotel demanding unemployment compensation for striking vets, George DeNucci, secretary of the CIO Council condemned the efforts to starve striking veterans while granting corporate tax rebates to the big business interests who provoked the current strikes.

A. E. Stevenson, executive secretary of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council urged that the state match the mustering out pay of the U. S. Army. The ex-GIs backed the union demands for the Wyatt housing program, increased medical facilities and an improved living standard. Stevenson said that "veterans must not allow themselves to be used to destroy an economy that will safeguard their future, an economy of abundance not of scarcity."

Gov. Lausche sent a communication to the vet conference that "due to previous commitments he would be unable to attend the conference."

Senator K. M. Kirkedall urged pressure upon Gov. Lausche to call a special session of the legislature to act on the vet needs.

Following the conference the vets paraded to the Statehouse. Many wore uniforms. They carried signs: "We were across, now come across"—"Bring back our buddies"

Joseph Kress, Cleveland District vice president of the UE-CIO referred to Lausche as the "absentee governor."

The vet conference unanimously adopted a program for:

1—An immediate emergency session of the state legislature to act on vet demands.

2—A state bonus of \$10 for each month's service in the states and \$15 overseas.

3—Support for HR 127 for a federal bonus, now before Congress.

4—A just measure of unemployment compensation from the state legislature and Veterans Administration, for striking vets.

5—Municipal and state legislation for rent and price control. For a state and federal housing program whereby vets can buy houses in the \$4,000 to \$7,000 bracket or rent homes at a maximum of \$35.

6—To assure every Negro ex-GI equal rights and Negro.

7—To demand of President Truman and the War Department that they speed demobilization.

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Rochester Vets Demand Houses

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Two hundred Rochester vets opened a "beachhead" in the city council Thursday night, making Mayor Dicker and the reluctant Republican council sit up and take notice of their housing demands.

The vets, many of whom had recently been on the picket line at Delco, GM subsidiary, and won 18 1/2 cent an hour increase, represented the UE-CIO the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, the Central Trades and Labor Council, AFL, and the Global War Vets and American Veterans Committee.

The Mayor promised 300 housing units, but Arnold Miller of the UE declared this was inadequate for the thousands of Rochester vets already back and others still to come.

Gerald Shafander, of the ACW, told the council the vets wanted speedy action or they would be back in increased numbers.

Marino Pizzo of Teamsters Local 398 AFL, added, "If we don't get quick action we'll follow the advice of our brother member of the CIO."

The vets called for immediate appointment of a city housing authority to act where the bankers were holding back, and asked the council to support the Wagner-Elender Taft housing bill.

Art Sale Wed. Will Aid Strikers

Over 500 noted artists will participate in an auction for the benefit of strikers' families, exhibiting original oils, water colors, drawings and prints, small sculptures, ceramics and photographic prints, Wednesday at UE headquarters at 11 East 51st Street.

Sponsors are the Citizens Emergency Committee to Aid Strikers' Families, and the Artists League of America, and the Artists Division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Exhibits will be on view from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance bids will be accepted. The auction, with Howard da Silva of "The Lost Weekend" as auctioneer, will be held in the evening from 7:30 p.m.

American Jewish Conference Feb. 17-19

Five hundred delegates elected by every major national Jewish membership organization and Jewish community in the United States will meet in Cleveland Feb. 17-19 at the third session of the American Jewish Conference, it was announced yesterday.

They will formulate a program for presentation to the Peace Conference to be held in Paris in May. Dr. Zalman Grinberg, who was reelected president of the Central Committee for Liberated Jews in Bavaria, is flying to Cleveland from Munich.

Starvation

Murray Shields, Bank of Manhattan vice president, charges that the Treasury is "starving" the money market by its heretofore low-interest policies. But he predicts interest rates will soon go up and everything will be hunky-dory.



Hank Greenberg Says, 'Detroit Again in '46'

Smug as a Cheshire cat over his 1946 salary and feeling no pain in his celebrated 34-year old legs, Hank Greenberg departs tomorrow for the Detroit spring training camp confident that the Tigers will repeat as American League champs.

"I've heard all about the Yankees and the Red Sox," said Hammering Hank, whose courageous comeback last season after four years in the Army set the pattern for all GI's returning to the diamond. "They will be good, but we will be better. We have the best pitching staff in the league, a great outfield and the infield will be faster even with me at first."

Greenberg predicted that the biggest improvement in the Tigers this season would show in the battery department. He called the returning catcher, Birdie Tebbets, "the best in the league," Hal Newhouse and Dizzy Trout both should have great seasons, he opined.

"But the sensation of the pitching staff will be Freddie Hutchinson, a short right-hander who was with us a short while before he went in the Navy," Greenberg said. "He won 27 games for Buffalo just before he came to Detroit. And in the Navy, he was chosen the outstanding ballplayer in the whole Pacific."

Less Tobacco, More Smoke

Although prices for tobacco and income taxes are down, manufacturers are asking OPA for a one-cent-a-pack boost to pay for more advertising.

Negro Track Ace Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17 (UP).—Funeral arrangements were pending tonight for Cornelius C. Johnson, 30-year-old Negro track star and Olympic champion, who died here yesterday.

Five times a holder of the National AAU running high jump title while competing for Compton, Calif., Junior College and a champion in the 1936 Olympic games at Berlin while still in high school, Johnson died in an ambulance en route to a hospital from the Grace Line steamship Santa Cruz where he worked as a chief baker.

Exact cause of Johnson's death was not known, pending a report of toxicologists and pathologists but police said he died from natural causes.

GE Warehousemen To Join Local 65

New York and Brooklyn warehousemen, employed by International General Electric Co., voted 16 to 2 for affiliation to Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65 in a recent National Labor Relations Board election. The shop is a subsidiary of the General Electric Co.

UNO 'Has Good Start', Says Mrs. Roosevelt

DUBLIN, Feb. 17 (UP).—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, arriving at Baldoon airport today, said she thought that the UNO was off to a good start and promised well for the future.

"If anybody wanted a reason for such an organization, they could find it in conditions existing in Germany today," she said.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WJZ—Breakfast With Brennan
WJZ—Prescott Robinson, News
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
WABC—Tello-Test—Quiz
WABC—Second Husband—Sketch
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WJZ—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch
WMCA—News Reports
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WJZ—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
WMCA—This Woman's World—Susan B. Anthony

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WJZ—News; Hymns You Love
WJZ—Olamour Manor
WABC—News; Luncheon Music
WQXR—Mealtime Melodies
12:15-WEAF—Miss McNellis—Talk
WABC—Bigi Sister
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WJZ—News; Answer Man
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WABC—Our Gai Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WJZ—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WLIB—Clifford Evans
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ—Constance Bennett
WABC—Lopes Sketch
1:30-WJZ—Lopes Orchestra
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—The Captain Tim Healy
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beauty, News
WJZ—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WJZ—Easy Aces—Sketch
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Monaghan, Record Man
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WJZ—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WJZ—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—Time to Remember
WQXR—News; Recorded Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—This Is New York
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WJZ—John Gambling, News
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Lands Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WJZ—Better Half—Matinee
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds
4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WJZ—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Shelley Mydans

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WHN—1260 Kc.
WOV—1290 Kc.
WJZ—1490 Kc.
WQXR—1490 Kc.

WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Feature Story
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOP—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—School of the Air
WQXR—News; Music
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story
WQXR—Today in Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WJZ—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—On Wings of Song
5:45-WEAF—Front-Page Farrell
WJZ—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Dinner Jod—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk
WQXR—Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WJZ—Paul Schubert
WABC—Kierney's News Corner
WJZ—Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Talk; Music
WQXR—News; Music
6:15-WEAF—Serenade to America
WJZ—Man on the Street
WJZ—Here's Morgan
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Concert
6:30-WJZ—Fred Anderson, News
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Ellen Farrell, Songs
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WJZ—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Timney
WMCA—Recorded Music
WJZ—The World Today—News
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WJZ—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—Jack Eigen, News
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WJZ—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five Star Final
WQXR—Alfredo Sevilla, Baritone
7:30-WEAF—Red Barber Star Review
WJZ—Frank Singler, News
WJZ—Lone Ranger
WABC—Bob Hawk Show
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Treasury of Music
7:45-WEAF—Richard Harkness, News
WJZ—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Sid Gilly, Songs
WJZ—Johannes Steel
8:00-WEAF—Carnival of America
WJZ—Bulldog Drummond
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Vox Pop Interviews
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Hedda Hopper
8:30-WEAF—Glady's Swarthout, Soprano
WJZ—Sherlock Holmes Adventure
WJZ—The Fat Man—Play, with Jack Smart
WABC—Joan Davis Show
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Bidu Sayan, Soprano
WJZ—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—I Deal in Crime—Play, with William Cargan
WABC—Radio Theater
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour
WQXR—Worldwide News Review
9:15-WJZ—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Information Please
WJZ—Spotlight Bands
WJZ—Paul Whiteman Orchestra
WQXR—Record Rarities
9:55-WJZ—Chatter Morris—Stories
10:00-WEAF—Eric Madriguera, Violinist; Johnny Desmond, Baritone; Others
WJZ—Henry J. Taylor
WJZ—Jimmy Gleason's Dinner
WABC—Screen Guild Play
WMCA—News; Boxing Matches
WQXR—News; Opera Favorites
10:15-WJZ—John Galt Trio
10:30-WEAF—Doctor I. Q.—Quiz
WJZ—Detect-a-Tune
WJZ—String Ensemble
WABC—Crime Photographer
WQXR—Crime Music
10:45-WJZ—Steelworkers Speak
11:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Music
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
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A Festival of the Common Man

By FRANK PITCAIRN

LONDON.—With trumpets blowing for victory and the banners of the working class paraded in triumph and hope. The Daily Worker, on a recent Sunday night, celebrated the festival of its 16th birthday and its taking over by The People's Press Printing Society.

Grand and gay, it was the paper's festival, and it became at the same time a great festival of the common man.

World famous men, leaders of every branch of progressive life in Britain, followed one another into the blaze of the spotlight and proclaimed their faith in The Daily Worker and in Britain's future.

The Dean of Canterbury, Harry Pollitt, J. B. Priestley, Arthur Horner—with a choir of men from the Welsh pits throwing behind him—and Professor J. B. S. Haldane spoke from their hearts and their experience about what the paper has meant and will mean.

Will Griffiths, Labor M.P. and Eighth Army fighter, brought directly to the microphone the voice of the men just out of the forces facing new social struggles.

WORKERS MARCH IN

Les Smith, international footballer, movingly showed the 7,000 listeners just what a weapon The Daily Worker can be in the fight to get better, happier lives for the children of the working class—to get them fields instead of streets to play in.

There was a tremendous moment when, from his place high above the back of the stage, the announcer called upon the representatives of the common people of Britain to "enter the hall of unity."

Suddenly from the back of the hall, with the cheers rolling round them in a great crescendo, there came with their banner high in the air the engineers (machinists)—first in a great procession marching down through the center of the hall.

Then came the electricians, then, with cheers rising higher and higher, the dockers, bearing a great blue and white banner, and then the busmen and the "clippies."

You looked toward the distant back of the hall and you saw them pouring in like a river of power rippling under the floodlights. The railwaymen came, and the merchant seamen and the printers and the housewives and the youth; and, to the loudest cheers of all, the miners.

And a great voice from the stage cried, "Why have you come?" And they answered in a loud chorus, "We have come because we believe in the free voice of the people."

Then the announcer was speaking again, recalling the history of the paper. A voice from the back of the hall called out, "I know something about that."

"Come and tell us then," from the announcer.

And there was Allen Hutt to tell the dramatic story of those first days in 1930 in a rickety old building in Tabernacle street, the linotypes tied together with string, the editorial staff writing by candlelight, and the mocking query on the telephone from Fleet street:

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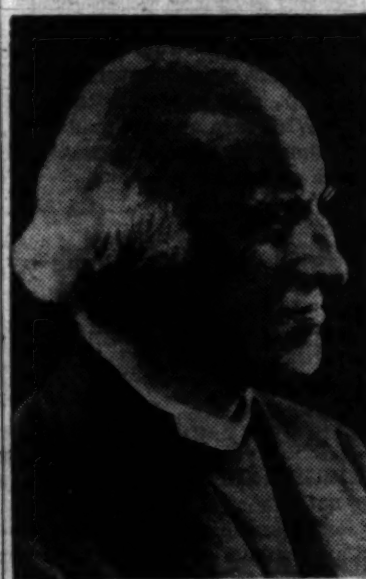
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HARRY POLLITT
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"Are you coming out tomorrow?" Then, taking up the story of the new start of the paper in 1942, came Jock Forbes with an unvarnished story of struggle against extraordinary odds, of difficulties overcome by sweat and ingenuity and sacrifice, and of heroism, too, when the bombs were falling and the paper still came out.

Then there was the moment when Arthur Horner, representing the miners, spoke. Furiously he lashed the "evil machinations" of the capitalist press against the miners, and against the government's decision to make the mines the property of the people.

"If the capitalist press were to succeed, it would be writing the doom of the people of Britain. We stand behind the government on the job it has taken on in the common people."

mines. The Daily Worker will cooperate with us and help to organize us.

"In the name of all progressive miners, I welcome The Daily Worker as the voice of all exploited people."

Harry Pollitt, in a speech of burning Socialist enthusiasm, told of the special role of the paper, of its stand in the struggles of the past, and of the part it would have to play in the fighting days ahead.

He warned that the capitalists were already preparing for the next general election.

"Unostentatiously they are buying up one after another the provincial papers, and thus constructing a great new propaganda machine. Peace summons all of us to new battles, against poverty and insecurity and the menace of war.

"The weakness of the labor movement today is the absence of a great urge, a great ideal. That is the lack that The Daily Worker can supply. The working class is the rock upon which we shall successfully build the new Daily Worker."

Fresh from his North American tour, the Dean of Canterbury told of how an American newspaper had described him as "England's number one eccentric."

But, said the Dean, "I am no eccentric. I am not away from the center, as that word implies. I am at the center. For I am on the Editorial Board of The Daily Worker."

Then William Rust came to the microphone and told amid gusts of cheering of how the paper had stuck to its guns through all the storms of the past. The future would be stormy too; we would have to fight every inch of the way.

"The great British press monopoly is a closed financial institution. But we have grown to be a national newspaper, the outspoken champion of all genuine forward opinion. Not of hazy, lazy opinion, but of people who believe in social change and are actively fighting for it."

There followed the ceremony, alive with the sense of progress and of history, in which a worker, his white bus-driver's coat shining in the spotlight, solemnly handed over to William Rust and the committee the scroll now to be vested in the new People's Press Printing Society.

As the trumpets began to sound, the voice of the London worker cried:

"Thank you, and get on with the great work, I say, I hand this to you for The Daily Worker. Treasure it, use it in the interests of the common people."



Four happy people find the solution to their troubles when they discover who is the object of whose affection in an amusing scene from "Four Hearts," new Soviet film comedy opening at the Stanley Theatre next Saturday, Feb. 23.

SOVIET GEOLOGISTS SEEK EXACT AGE OF THE EARTH

MOSCOW.

A session of the Geology and Geography Department of the USSR Academy of Sciences has approved a research program for the fourth Five-Year Plan period. Commenting on the session's work, the Secretary of this department, Academician Vladimir Obruchev, stated:

"Our program embraces the most diverse theoretical and practical problems of geology and geography of the USSR. The entire Soviet Union, and a number of foreign countries, will be the field of activity of our geological expeditions. If at present only 75 per cent of Soviet territory has been explored, in the next five years, all the geological 'white spots' on the country's map will be eliminated."

Geologists are also working on important theoretical tasks. Among them is ascertaining of the absolute age of the earth. Much will be done to discover deposits of rare metals and elements of the territory of the USSR.

To establish laws governing their occurrence, geologists will study the structure of the deposits of the Scandinavian, Canadian, African, and South American platforms, and, in the USSR, the deposits of the Urals, Karelia, and Transbaikalian area.

One of the main problems is the study of the first epoch in the history of the earth, which left the great accumulations of coal. By the end of 1950, this work will be completed.

The Seismological and Geophysical Institutes and the Institute of Oceanography will concentrate on the study of the structure and movement of the earth's crust and the deeper layers of the earth. By special methods, scientists will cause experimental earthquakes and study their connection with the structure of the earth's surface.

Prospecting for useful minerals will continue this year along the Urals Range, in the Southern Urals Steppe, and in Kazakhstan. In all, under the Five-Year Plan, more than 2,000 expeditions with a staff of 25,000 geologists will be sent to various parts of the country.

Filmstrips on Public Affairs

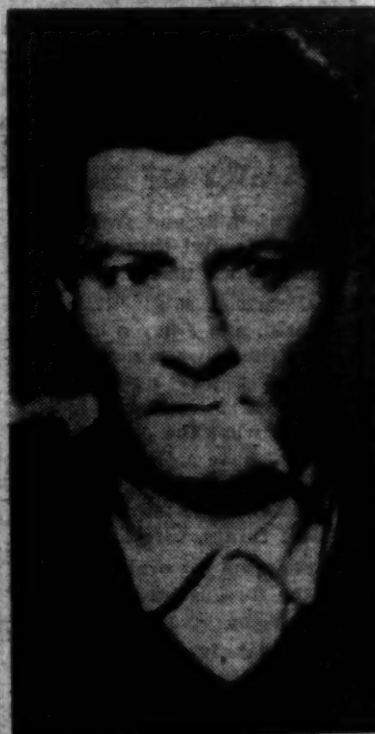
Public Affairs Films Co. has announced its 1946 schedule of slide-films (filmstrips). It includes six productions on the United Nations, six on domestic public affairs, and six for trade union educational work.

Public Affairs Film Co. was recently organized by Thomas Brandon as a consultation and releasing center to serve independent producers, social service, educational, labor and forum organizations. The company will either produce itself or release subjects produced by others, which fulfill an important public need.

"U. S. S. R.—The Land and Its People," first in the United Nations series, is now ready for release. A 24-page manual accompanies the black and white filmstrip, which sells for \$3.00 complete.

In work are a series of basic training units for trade union education which include: History of Trade Unions in America, The Shop Committee, Handling of Grievances, Why Join a Union?

Public Affairs Films Co. will distribute through the facilities of Brandon Films Inc., 1600 Broadway, New York City, which has agency outlets in most sections of the country.



Marcello Pagliero plays the part of the leader of the anti-fascist underground in the stirring Italian film "Open City," which will be shown soon in New York.

Chinese Sword Dancer Chin Wan

Chin Wan, appearing in "New Concert Stars of All Nations," arranged by International Programs at Times Hall, Saturday, Feb. 23, is the only Chinese Sword and Spear dancer in the United States. He has studied these dances in China, from whence he returned in 1937. Chin

Wan's dances are dangerous and exciting. If he slips for a split second, he may hurt himself dangerously. The sword dance as well as the spear dance are traditional Chinese dances and Chin Wan has travelled all over the country for China War Relief in order to acquaint American audiences with it.

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British Scientists Score Atom Witch-Hunt

LONDON, Feb. 17 (UP).—Failure to share scientific developments caused "the witch hunt that is going on in Canada," speakers said today at the Conference of Science and Welfare of Mankind.

L. J. Solley, Labor Member of Parliament, warned that the roundup of alleged spies in Canada "is a very serious thing for scientists."

"The more anti-Soviet the policy of our government becomes, the more this anti-Soviet propaganda

makes certain members of the front bench (Cabinet ministers) incapable of taking a scientific view of our relationship, the more dangerous does it become to scientific thought," he said.

Prof. A. V. Hill, who was a member of the Cabinet's Scientific Advisory Committee during the war, urged scientists to refuse to cooperate in tasks in which they were not allowed to share responsibility, or decide the purpose or probable

result of their work.

Prof. J. B. Bernal, vice-president of the Association of Scientific Workers, advocated free and rapid communication between scientists in all branches of science.

"It is no secret that slowness of sharing atomic energy is a major cause for continued and dangerously increasing tension in the world today," Bernal said.

"As far as international cooperation in science is concerned, it is

considerably worse now than it was a year ago," he added.

Bernal said that with full exchange of scientific information "the present situation would not have arisen."

Army Atom Control Means War, Says Urey

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (UP).—World War III will come in 10 to 15 years unless atomic energy is removed

from military control, Dr. Harold C. Urey, who directed part of the research of the atom bomb, said today.

Urey, a Nobel Prize winner, declared:

"The desperate time regarding atomic energy will be in about five years. By that time, however, it will be impossible to stop the atomic armament race which already has begun in the United States."

GM Settlement Delayed Over Transfer Issue

DETROIT, Feb. 17 (UP).—A dispute over promotion and transfer procedures for General Motors workers today temporarily held up settlement of the 89-day old GM strike and negotiations were postponed until tomorrow.

The new disagreement came at a time when a spokesman for a conference between the company and the CIO United Automobile Workers had expressed belief that a settlement would be made momentarily.

A recess was called until 2:30 p.m. Monday after Charles E. Wilson, head of GM, and R. J. Thomas, head of the union, conferred with assistants for two hours and 15 minutes in a Sunday session.

UE Pact With GM Aids UAW, Editor Explains

The wage agreement won by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers for the electrical division of General Motors, will strengthen the wage fights of other unions, Tom Wright, managing editor of UE News, declared in the current issue of the union's newspaper.

In their 4-week strike, the 25,000 UE workers at GM won an 18% cents an hour pay increase, effective immediately; 13% cents an hour retroactive from Nov. 7 to Jan. 15, amounting to \$1,250,000 or \$60 per worker; an 80-cent minimum hiring rate for men and women, and a 90-cent minimum job rate. Under the settlement, the national UE-GM contract remains in effect.

The strike settlement was not ponditioned on any price increases for GM products, Wright declared, by inference answering criticism made by Walter P. Reuther, vice-president of the CIO United Auto Workers.

"The settlement in GM, the best to be won in any major company, was cheered not only by the GM workers who directly benefit by the victory, but by UE strikers at the plants of GE and Westinghouse," said Wright.

"The victory won by UE in GM not only strengthens the fight of UE strikers in GE and Westinghouse, but the parallel struggle for wage increases still being carried on by GM workers organized by the UAW-CIO."

"By far the most serious obstacle to settling the strike of UAW workers is the corporation's demand to do away with all union security and other contract benefits won by UAW during the war. The fact that UE was able to maintain its national contract with GM intact as a part of the strike settlement should be of the greatest assistance to UAW in protecting its own contract from company attack."

By signing with General Motors, UE-CIO now has reached wage agreements with two of the biggest competitors of GE and Westinghouse. Recently UE-CIO won a 17% cent an hour wage boost from the RCA Corp., plus two cents to settle an old WLB case and six paid holidays. The RCA agreement was won without a strike.

Steel Starts to Work as Major Firms Sign

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 17 (UP).—The nation's steel industry started the long climb back to normal production tonight as nearly three-fourths of the 750,000 CIO workers began returning to the mills under union agreements for \$1.48 a day pay boost.

Following the pattern set by U. S. Steel Corp., virtually all the country's big producers were signing agreements and partial operations were scheduled immediately. Operators said however that full production might not be reached for three weeks. The workers struck four weeks ago.

Initial crews of workmen reported at the big plants of U. S. Steel's Carnegie-Illinois Company as early as noon yesterday.

The agreement between U. S. Steel and the United Steelworkers meant the end of the walkout for 125,000 workers in the corporation's five big operating subsidiaries. Bethlehem Steel Corp. with 75,000 workers, Republic Steel with 60,000 and Inland Steel with 11,000 signed and scheduled initial operations in their many plants scattered through Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Maryland.

Crucible Steel Co. reached an agreement with the union and prepared to recall 25,000 workers in eight eastern plants. Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., in Ohio, was reported preparing to open.

Aluminum Company of America granted a 19-cents-an-hour increase to its 14,000 workers and scheduled operations "at the earliest possible moment" at its plants in New Kensington, Pa.; Alcoa, Tenn.; Badin, N. C.; Mobile, Ala.; Detroit, Mich.; Fairfield, Conn.; Edgewater, N. J., and Bauxite, Ark.

Carnegie-Illinois scheduled production crews into its big integrated mills at midnight. Restoration of coke plant operations—the "alpha" of steel making—was expected to be completed in a week. Blast furnaces, under ideal conditions, can be blown into pig iron production within four days, but original heats were expected to be of low quality.

Singapore Casualties Rise to 6

SINGAPORE, Feb. 17 (UP).—Chinese sources today charged that four of the 17 persons arrested in the Bras Basah road clash Friday died in the hospital as a result of police beatings.

The death total of the incident thereby was raised to six, they said. Two were killed when police fired into the crowd which massed in defiance of a government ban on demonstrations.

BULLETIN

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY LANCASTER AFL

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 17 (UP).—A general strike of all AFL unions in Lancaster was called tonight in support of the 12-day walk-out of employees of the Conestoga Transportation Co.

The action followed a clash between pickets and police yesterday when police attempted to rope off an area at the car barn to permit 33 buses, operated by non-union employees, to leave the barn. Several strikers were knocked down in the battle and two union officials were arrested on charges of inciting a riot.

The transportation strike was called by Local 1241 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric and Motor Coach Employees, AFL.



Snow, Tokyo, Home—Aw Nuts! Tokyo snow only makes this lonely American GI more dejected as he slouches along thinking perhaps that it is much nicer to be walked in the snows of Main Street.

Like a Cabin In the Black Belt

THE GHETTO HOME OF THE FAMILY OF SLAIN FREEPORT NEGRO GI

The misery of the family of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, of Freeport, L. I. one of the Negro brothers slain by patrolman Joseph Romeka, reflected all the horrors of the Jim-crow "ghetto" in which they live.

His widow, Mr. Minnie Ferguson, and their three children, Charles, five, Richard, three, and Wilfred, two, with Louis Jackson, Mrs. Ferguson's brother, live in one and one-half rooms.

When you enter the house, you wonder if this is New York, or, is it a cabin in the Black Belt in the deep South. The mother keeps warning the children to stay away from the broken window. She is afraid they would get cut on the broken glass.

It was warm inside the house that day but the weather was warm. One shudders to think what it is like when it is cold outside. The house is heated with an oil stove. There are cracks in the floor. The three little boys have no shoes. And wear no underwear, just little cloth suits. Their faces have that hungry look, as though there was never quite enough to eat. They are round and look fat about the body. But they appear like children who have eaten lots of potatoes and other starches, with little else.

Their teeth tell a better story. The milk teeth are decayed from

the lack of milk and fruit. Their nails are pale and thin. There are little dark rings under their eyes.

Mrs. Ferguson said: "When the rent is paid, and I buy a little food and other things we cannot do without, there is just nothing left. At present she has few funds. 'I don't know what the Army is going to do, and I have nothing,' she said. 'Charles—Little Charles, has to go to school, and the other children need some things, very badly.'"

Mrs. Ferguson is working with the Committee for Justice for the Ferguson Boys, of Freeport.

"I feel that is the least I can do. I must keep busy," she said. "I have never spoken at the meetings. I always get so nervous, and can't go on. When I talk about it, it all comes back. That policeman said Charles was drunk, that's a lie, he never drank very much at any time." Her eyes are red from crying.

Louis Jackson, her brother, is a veteran. He fought with the 92 Infantry Division, in Italy and Africa. He went into the Army when he was

18. He is now 21, with 24 months overseas service.

"When we were over there dodging Nazi bullets, I had no idea it would come so close to me here at home," he said. "That's not what I fought the war for. Looks like some of the things we saw over there."

Then he said in a quiet voice: "Charles was such a good boy, he'd never hurt any one, Alfonso too. Alfonso was a tiny little fellow, with a bad heart, didn't do no drinkings."

Jackson is still unemployed. All the jobs, he says, are given to other people.

"They offered me a dishwashing job for \$22 a week," he said. "I didn't fight to wash dishes, I did that before I went to the Army." He belongs to the American Legion Post in Freeport. The post has done nothing about the killing.

"I joined that post for help if I get into trouble or need anything," he said. "The Commanding officer, George Anderson, promised to come out last Sunday. He never came."

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